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House Members Call for Larger, Faster Tax Cut ***Faltering Economy and Growing Surplus Warrant More Robust Action***

WASHINGTON—Today members of the House Republican Study Committee (RSC), a group of more than 65 House Conservatives, continued their call for expanding the tax relief package proposed by President Bush.

RSC Chairman Rep. John Shadegg (R-AZ), RSC Budget & Taxes Task Force Chairman Rep. Pat Toomey (R-PA) and other RSC Members joined Majority Leader Dick Armey, and Majority Whip Tom DeLay, in a press conference highlighting the need and practicality of expanding the Bush tax relief proposal.

In meetings over the past two months with House Leadership and Administration officials, members of the Republican Study Committee have repeatedly called for expanding the Bush tax plan. Most recently, two RSC Members, Rep. Jeff Flake (R-AZ) and Rep. Mike Pence (R-IN), introduced an amendment to expand the amount of retroactive tax relief in the first tax bill. The RSC has also endorsed a proposal by Rep. Pat Toomey to provide over \$2 trillion in tax relief over the next ten years.

At the Wednesday press conference, the Republican Study Committee unveiled a Question and Answer sheet outlining the arguments for expanded tax relief.

RSC Chairman John Shadegg stated, “No matter how you approach this issue, all the facts lead to one simple conclusion: the prudent and responsible course of action is more tax relief, not less. We can increase the Bush tax cut by more than a third and still pay off all available publicly held debt within a decade. If we don’t increase the size of the Bush tax cut and instead leave the extra money in Washington, it will be spent. American families shouldn’t suffer so Washington can increase government spending by over 8% a year. It is time to do a little more for American families and a little less for government.”

A compilation of RSC documents related to tax relief can be found on the RSC website at
www.house.gov/burton/RSC/

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